



DISTRICT ROTARY FOUNDATION

The Rotary Foundation Month of November found District 5190 at 41% of the projected goal of \$388,000. The Annual Foundation Fund received \$159,441. The District will break all records in Annual Giving if Clubs continue to achieve or surpass their goals.

The Paul Harris Society has 47 members who contribute \$1,000 every year. Once you have contributed \$10,000 you become a Major Donor. There will be a special hosted dinner in Reno on April 7 to recognize all members of this group.

There have been two new Benefactors to the Permanent Fund, two Bequest Society members, and one Major Donor since July 1, 2005.

Information will be sent to all Clubs in January about Ambassadorial Scholarships, Rotary Grants for University Teachers, and the 2007-2009 Rotary World Peace Fellowships. Three students were selected to receive Ambassadorial Scholarships and will begin their study abroad this fall.

The District Designated Funds (DDF) this year was \$106,496. This is to fund Matching Grants and District Simplified Grants.

Currently, only one Club has submitted a Matching Grant (DSG) application and five Clubs have sent District Simplified Grant applications. The DSG applications will be selected for funding in January. The Foundation Committee encourages all clubs to participate in this program. The amount still available is about \$85,000.

The Group Study Exchange (GSE) team visited District 2630 in Japan in November. Plans are underway to send a team to District 3340 in Thailand in the spring of 2007. We will receive a team from them at the same time. It is time to begin thinking of applicants for the outgoing team.

Congratulations to all Clubs who held Foundation dinners this year to honor those who contribute, to provide Foundation information, and to encourage everyone to become a Paul Harris Fellow.

PDG Chuck Elizondo

District Rotary Foundation Chair

GSE TEAM TO JAPAN

(District 5190 sent a team to District 2630 in Japan in November. Team Leader PDG Bill Reeves provided this report of their visit).

This was my second trip to Japan. My daughter, Laura, was a Rotary Exchange Student in 1991 in the town of Katami. Boy, have things changed in 15 years. I thought I would be eating on the floor and sleeping on the floor. I was right about the sleeping, but they actually have tables and chairs now in a lot of places.

First, let me say that being away from home for one month was way too long for this Rotarian. I missed my Joanna. This was offset a little by the hectic schedule provided by the Japanese Rotarians who rate as Triple A. We were scheduled to be somewhere every minute of every day. We made presentations to approximately 20 Rotary Clubs.

We were treated to many banquets and Rotary meals. We were escorted through businesses, factories, Universities and new senior housing facilities. We stayed in so-so hotels

and gorgeous hotels. We were hosted in standard homes and beautiful homes. At all times the Rotarians were gracious and accommodating to a fault.

We were taken to the "best" Japanese food restaurant in almost every town. So when one host family asked if we would like to eat at Bronco Billy's I almost cried with joy. We went and had a good ole' USA steak and fries. Ummmm, oh so good.

The whole idea of a GSE team is to provide some young professionals a chance to experience similar professions and culture of another country. We accomplished that in spades in Japan. I would change some things if I had to do it over, but I will pass those suggestions on to the next Team Leader.

I wish to thank District GSE Chair Anita Daniels, Governor Dave, and the GSE Committee for this opportunity to serve Rotary. I strongly suggest that any of you try this for the time of your life.



FROM THE DISTRICT GOVERNOR



David Bianchi

Jonathan Majiyagbe, the 2003-2004 President of Rotary International, emphasized "the Family of Rotary". I thought that had a nice ring to it, but wasn't totally sure what it meant until I started visiting all the clubs. Lois and I were amazed at how Rotarians everywhere opened up to us. We now feel like we have a few thousand new friends, and that our family is extended all over Northern Nevada and Northeastern California.

Not much has changed really, just the scale of it. When I joined Rotary in the early 80's I only knew a few people in my club. By the time I was President in the late 80's I knew everyone of the 230 members. The family just keeps on growing.

As we begin a new calendar year we often think about how we can do better and have a greater impact on society. I

believe that each of us has to make sure we are improving ourselves and that will carry over as we affect the lives of others. I found this poem written by the late Governor of Maine Jim Longley. It expresses my feelings, and I share it with you:

"Our life will be richer, if on this day, we make an effort to:
Mend a quarrel
Search for a forgotten friend
Write a letter to someone who misses us
Dismiss a suspicion and replace it with trust
Encourage someone who has lost faith
Forget an old grudge
Look for all the good in others,
so we'll never notice the bad
Take two minutes to appreciate the beauty of nature
Tell someone we love them
Tell them again and again and again."

Thanks for reaching beyond yourselves in your personal life and in your commitment to Rotary.

Yours in Rotary Service, Dave Bianchi, District Governor

DISTRICT CONFERENCE

"SERVICE ABOVE SELF" will be the theme for the District Conference this year. John Ascuaga's Nugget will be the setting for Rotarians to meet to enjoy camaraderie, motivation, education, and to celebrate a successful year.

The Conference begins May 4 with a golf tournament. Friday's lunch will feature Kim Peek who was the inspiration for Dustin Hoffman's portray in "Rain Man". Kim has traveled over a million miles giving presentations to thousands of people. His feats of memory are legendary.

The magnificent Rotary talent in our District will be evident Friday evening when a musical extravaganza will be the featured event.

RI President's Representative PDG Jim Burnow of Roswell, Georgia will bring a message from the RI President on Saturday morning. PDG Rosemary Aragon from Seattle, Washington will speak at lunch.

She is the Regional Membership Coordinator, was a facilitator at the International Assembly and a speaker at the Chicago Convention.

Our own Rotary International Director Jerry Hall will be honored Saturday evening. He will present his personal story of achievements in Rotary and in his community.

Of course, Sunday morning brings the demotion of the District Governor Dave Bianchi, the popular gin fizz event, awards and the introduction of the new District Governor Bob Dorr.

Make your plans now to attend by making your reservations for a room. Detailed information will be in next issue, but if you need to know more sooner contact Rich Rose, District Conference Chair, ryiff@aol.com, 775-843-7694 (b), 775 322-6635 (h), or 775-322-4830 (f).

PETS

One of the most important events in the Rotary year is the Presidents Elect Training Seminar (PETS). The purpose of PETS is to train and prepare the incoming Presidents for their year as Club leaders. RI has made it mandatory for all Club President Elects to attend PETS because it is very necessary.

Our District has joined with eight other Districts to conduct a multi-district PETS known as the Far West PETS. A large number of Rotarian volunteers work for a year to produce one of the best, if not the best, PETS in the Rotary world.

In addition to the training sessions there will be presentations by some outstanding and inspiring Rotarians. These include Past RI Presidents Rick King and Cliff Dochterman.

Far West PETS will be held in San Jose, CA from March 3-5, 2006. District 5190 will have a pre-PETS meeting on Friday morning, March 3, in San Jose just before PETS begins. The purpose of this meeting is to assist the Presidents Elect get the most from the training they are about to receive.

INTERACT/ROTARACT

Georgetown Divide Rotary is sponsoring an Interact Club at Golden Sierra High School. They hope to get started in mid-January.

Meantime, Rotaract is starting in District 5190 with two clubs working on charters. Elko Rotaract is beginning at Great Basin College with efforts underway to obtain their charter before our April Assembly.

The Reno Rotaract will be a community club with members from UNR and TMCC. This club is planning elections in January with the charter paperwork finished sometime in February. They did not wait to get a charter before beginning to act. They adopted a family for whom they collected food and gifts for Christmas. Upcoming speakers will include an exchange student from Thailand who is a Rotaract President, and another will be a Peuvian Rotaractor. The club has plans to work at Good Shepherd's Clothes Closet and to participate in the Reno/Sparks Homeless Population Count with training by the Salvation Army.

Ron Rehn, Interact/Rotaract Chair

The Rotary Youth Exchange Committee conducted interviews for outbound students in December. The interviews were 45 minutes in length for each of the 22 students who hope to participate in the program in the 2006-2007 year.

Students were asked to select countries of choice from four regions of the world. Their parents were grilled to ascertain their level of support and commitment to the exchange. Students were also asked about American government, homesickness, coping skills and how they would respond to various scenarios they were given.

In the past year the RYE Committee has tried to provide more geographically and culturally diverse exchange options for the students. This has meant fewer exchanges with Brazil, but more exchanges in the Far East and Eastern Europe. This year we will have an outbound student to Russia for the first time and possibly the Czech Republic. Students are assigned to countries based on how well they score in the interview, maturity, language skills, adaptability, and other subjective factors.

Students will be notified the first week of January of their tentative country. The arrangement is tentative until the Guarantee Forms are returned from the hosting country. All students will be expected to attend 3 mandatory orientation sessions. These cover health issues, cultural adjustment, getting along with people, and many other topics including homesickness.

The second orientation meeting for the 30 inbound students will be held concurrently with the Tahoe City sponsored Ski Days.

Helen Hankins, District RYE Chair

ADDRESS CHANGES

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Area	Club	Membership Total	Gain For Month	Loss	% Attendance	Paul Harris Annual Giving	Giving Restricted
	District Contribution					\$347.00	
1	ALTURAS	25	0	0	0%	\$570.00	\$
1	ALTURAS SUNRISE	22	0	0	74%	\$	\$
1	CHESTER	59	0	0	60%	\$2,000.00	\$
1	SURPRISE VALLEY	19	0	0	0%	\$	\$
1	SUSANVILLE	65	0	0	0%	\$	\$
1	SUSANVILLE SUNRISE	48	2	2	77%	\$25.00	\$
1	WESTWOOD/ LAKE ALMANOR	15	0	0	0%	\$	\$
2	GREENVILLE	12	0	0	0%	\$400.00	\$
2	LOYALTON	28	0	0	92%	\$	\$
2	PORTOLA	34	0	0	91%	\$266.00	\$
2	QUINCY	44	1	1	78%	\$	\$
3	INCLINE VILLAGE	42	0	1	80%	\$1,000.00	\$
3	TAHOE CITY	59	1	0	70%	\$1,000.00	(\$700)
3	TAHOE INCLINE	49	2	0	86%	\$	\$300
3	TRUCKEE	82	1	1	85%	\$30,000.00	\$
3	TRUCKEE SUNRISE	33	1	1	74%	\$2,551.00	
4	GRASS VALLEY	81	0	0	86%	\$15,294.00	\$30
4	NEVADA CITY	58	0	0	0%	\$23,240.66	(\$100.00)
4	NEVADA CITY 49er BREAKFAST	91	0	0	0%	\$7,177.00	(\$1,150.00)
4	NEVADA COUNTY SOUTH	34	0	1	94%	\$2,450.00	\$
4	PENN VALLEY	29	1	0	73%	\$3,100.00	\$
5	AUBURN	115	2	0	88%	\$3,725.00	\$
5	AUBURN DAYBREAK	23	0	0	99%	\$3,688.00	\$
5	AUBURN GOLD COUNTRY	59	4	1	85%	\$2,400.00	\$
6	CAMERON PARK	72	0	0	84%	\$	\$
6	GEORGETOWN DIVIDE	27	0	1	46%	\$1,000.00	\$
6	PLACERVILLE	71	0	1	66%	\$1,637.47.00	\$
6	POLLOCK PINES-CAMINO	16	0	1	92%	\$	\$
7	AMADOR UP COUNTRY	27	0	0	71%	\$400.00	\$
7	IONE	22	0	0	43%	\$775.00	\$
7	JACKSON	68	3	4	68%	\$	\$
8	RENO	215	0	0	61%	\$2,100.00	\$1,400.00
8	RENO CENTENNIAL SUNSET	39	0	0	69%	\$1,100.00	\$
8	RENO CENTRAL	71	1	3	80%	\$5,530.00	\$
8	RENO SOUTH	84	0	0	75%	\$3,112.00	\$
8	RENO SUNRISE	62	1	0	70%	\$11,681.00	\$80.00
8	SPARKS	105	1	1	83%	\$	\$
8	SPARKS CENTENNIAL SUNRISE	32	1	0	80%	\$	\$2,100.00
9	CARSON CITY	108	1	0	60%	\$8,210.00	\$
9	CARSON CITY SUNSET	23	0	0	0%	\$240.00	\$
9	MINDEN	34	0	1	80%	\$	\$
9	SOUTH LAKE TAHOE	53	0	0	49%	\$1,000.00	\$
9	TAHOE DOUGLAS	67	0	0	78%	\$600.00	\$
10	FALLON	79	0	0	46%	\$3,958.00	\$
10	SMITH VALLEY	28	0	0	64%	\$2,800.00	\$200.00
10	TONOPAH	17	0	0	74%	\$600.00	\$
10	YERINGTON	41	0	0	62%	\$670.00	\$
11	ELKO	99	1	0	58%	\$8,295.00	\$275.00
11	ELKO DESERT SUNRISE	25	1	0	75%	\$3,043.00	\$550.00
11	ELY	32	0	0	0%	\$3,200.00	\$
DISTRICT 5190 Totals		2618	23	19		\$159,441.13	\$1,085.00

ROTARY OFFICERS

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Bill Mathews

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INVITATION

I am putting together a short tour of Poland for after the 2006 International Convention. We will visit Warsaw, Krakow, Inowroclaw and Czeszowowa. The Inowroclaw Rotary Club is Reno Sunrise's twin club. Kuba, our inbound RYE student last year, lives just outside Czeszowowa. We will be hosted in the homes of Rotarians. The trip will take about 2 weeks and will be a wonderful way to see this country through the eyes of local Rotarians. No Polish required. Contact me by February 15 if you are interested.

Martha Greene, President Elect Reno Sunrise Rotary

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DISTRICT ASSEMBLY

The District Assembly will be April 8 at the Reno Hilton with information and motivation for every Rotarian who attends. The purpose of the Assembly is to train all incoming club officers, committee chairs, new and old members to assume their role in achieving the goals established by the District Governor.

However, attendance is not limited to officers. It is the ideal time to learn more about your District, the theme of RI, and any special emphases for the coming year. Registration packets will be sent to the clubs during January. There will be special sessions for the President-elect, Secretary, and Treasurer.

Questions can be directed to PDG Steve Snyder, Assembly Chair, at 530-885-0471, sas@goldrushchevy.com.

VOCATIONAL SERVICE

All clubs have been provided the necessary materials and dates for the Speech and Music contests. Critical dates include: February 28 is the deadline for club competitions; March 31 area competition deadline; April 14 deadline to submit winners' names to District Coordinators Dan Kahl (Speech) and Wendy Simons (Music). The theme for the speech contest this year is "Service Above Self". Larie

Trippet, ltrippet@charter.net, will handle the finances for these two contests. All information and instructions for the contests can be found on the District Website. Vocational Service materials used in the last two District Assembly workshops will be available soon on the District Website and will be included under "Vocational Service". For further assistance you can contact Don Brophy, District Vocational Service Chair, at dabrophy@pacbell.net.

RI PRESIDENT

Wilfrid J. Wilkinson is the President-nominee for Rotary International effective January 1. He became a Rotarian in 1962 and is a member of the Rotary Club of Trenton, Ontario, Canada. He has served in many capacities in his club and in RI. He most recently was Chair of the Chicago Convention in 2005.

AROUND THE DISTRICT

Lots of parties, an abundance of good deeds, nominations for new officers, and good wishes for the New Year were themes in all bulletins. Space permits just a few gleanings this issue. More next month. **RENO CENTENNIAL SUNSET** held an auction where all items were unwanted gifts members had received. **TONOPAH** adopted a 16 year old boy for Christmas. **TAHOE INCLINE** had their annual Christmas tree sale. **AUBURN** had a fine free month. **SPARKS CENTENNIAL SUNRISE** designated January as "bring a guest" month. **CAMERON PARK** has a roof on the observatory project. **INCLINE VILLAGE** Bowl-a-thon (BAT) brought in \$29,000. **CHESTER** has been sending computers to Fiji for the last four years.

CAMP RYLA 2006

A reminder from RYLA Chair Barbara Hudson that checks for enrollment in Camp RYLA should be sent promptly. The camp will be held June 18 to June 23 at Grizzly Creek Ranch located near Portola, CA. This is a new facility specifically designed for youth camps. Names and addresses of youth planning to attend should be submitted immediately to committee@camp-RYLA.org. Registration fee is \$550. Joe Donahue (775-425-4247) and Vicki Puliz (775-378-5914) are the new Directors. RYLA is developed to provide leadership training to our youth. Look around your area for an ideal candidate to represent your club.

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